

## **Definition of Code "pcc"**

**pcc** - Program for Cooperative Cataloging

Code “pcc” indicates a Program record where the description meets PCC standards and for which authority records exist for all headings.

In a CONSER standard record, code “pcc” signifies that the CONSER descriptive elements have been verified by an authenticating CONSER participant. All headings have been checked against the appropriate national level authority file and authority records have been created if they did not already exist. Subject headings are checked for authorized forms or combinations supported by the relevant authority.

*(definition adapted from MARC Code List, FIELD 042 (Authentication Code) available online at <http://www.loc.gov/marc/relators/relaothr.html#rela042b> and Report and Recommendations of the PCC Working Group on Authentication Codes and Encoding Levels for Serials and Integrating Resources)*

CONSER standard records are identifiable by the authentication code of “pcc” present in field 042, as well as value “blank” in byte 17 of the Leader (Encoding Level), and corresponding data elements\* in byte 39 of the 008 (Cataloging Source).

\*The cataloging source code (008, byte 39) will have value “blank” when the record has been originally created or updated by a national library. In all other cases, the cataloging source code will be “c.” If the cataloging source code of a record was originally “blank” it must remain “blank,” even if modified by a library other than a national library.

*(adapted from the BIBCO Participants' Manual p. 6 & p. 23)*

Cheat Sheets:

CONSER Use of 042 Codes in Serials Records as of May 1, 2009

(<http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/pdf/042-May2009.pdf>)

CONSER Use of 008/39 (Cataloging Source) Codes in Serial Records (Except by National Libraries) as of May 1, 2009

(<http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/pdf/CatSource-May2009.pdf>)